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Bomb Scare

City Railway Station gets call at 12.30 pm; high alert sounded

Railway Police personnel checking passengers baggages after the bomb scare this noon.

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (MTY&KS)- Tension gripped the City Railway Station this afternoon following a bomb threat call made to the Railway Police Station.

At around 12.30 pm, an unidentified caller informed the Police that a bomb had been planted at the station. Reports indicate that the caller, allegedly from Andhra Pradesh, bizarrely claimed that Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi had ordered the bomb to be planted.

Alerted by the threat, railway authorities immediately informed senior officials, and a Bomb Squad was deployed. Security personnel conducted a thorough search of all platforms, stationary trains and passenger baggage using handheld bomb detectors. However, no suspicious items were found.

After an exhaustive inspection, the call was confirmed to be a hoax.

A case has been registered against the unknown caller and efforts are underway to trace the origin of the call.

Ticket Inspector returns lost bag in train with Rs. 56,770

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (BCT)- In a remarkable display of integrity and commitment to passenger service, a senior railway official ensured the safe return of a lost handbag containing Rs. 56,770 in cash on Train No. 20664 (MGR Chennai Central to KSR Bengaluru).

Yesterday, M.S. Anitha, Deputy Chief Ticket Inspector (DCTI) of the Mysuru Division, was on duty in Executive Class Coach (EC-1) when she found an unclaimed handbag on Seat No. 13/14. Upon inspection, she discovered the cash inside and promptly handed over the bag to the Railway Protection Force (RPF) in Mysuru for safekeeping.

(See INSPECTOR on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 9th March 2025

Literary, cultural events to mark Women's Day

Mysuru, Mar. 9- The District Kannada Sahitya Parishat is organising a literary and cultural event as part of International Women's Day celebrations on Mar. 10, at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar.

Programmes like staging of play by women, dance performances, kolata, group singing and dancing and others have been organised to mark Women's Day. A Talking Doll Show by artiste M. Kavya has also been organised on the occasion.

Scientist and theatre person Srimati Hariprasad, social activist Pileti Anasuyamma, Deaf School Teacher Parimalamurthy, Broadcaster Dr. Vijaya Haran, Spiritual Thinker Dr. S. Sudha Ramesh and B.K. Meenakshi from the field of Education will be felicitated at the function.

The function will be inaugurated by M.K. Savita, Registrar of University of Mysore (UoM). Retired Principal Dr. S. Sudha Ramesh will preside over the inaugural. Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal will deliver the inaugural address. Sanskrit Scholar Dr. K. Leela Prakash will also speak at the function.

Secretary of Nrupatunga Kannada School Pavitra Mallesh, Social Activist Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee and writer S. Ramaprasad will participate as special invitees.

Sneha Sinchana Trust and Parishat Hon. Secretary M.N. Latha Mohan, Parishat Women's Wing President Dr. Ratna Halappagowda, Social Activist Susheela Shyamsundar and Vijaya Sudarshan of Gelati Mahila Mandali will also participate.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE TRUE ESSENCE OF GRADUATION: ***At a recent graduation ceremony of a renowned high school in Bangalore, I had the privilege of being part of an event that truly opened my eyes to what graduation means for the young minds standing on the brink of change. The graduation ceremony, filled with excitement and emotions, was a significant moment for the 10th-grade students. As they stepped onto the stage, there was a sense of joy not just for what they had achieved, but for the possibilities that lay ahead. The formal attire — the crisp suits of the boys and the elegant sarees of the girls — replete with caps — added an aura of maturity to their appearance, symbolising how far they had come.***

This moment was not just the culmination of years of hard work inside and outside the classroom. It was about growth, resilience, and the constant pursuit of knowledge. It was also a reminder that life is a journey of continuous learning, where each milestone is merely the prelude to the next chapter. The speeches delivered by the dignitaries echoed this sentiment, highlighting that while the graduation from high school is a major achievement, it should be seen as the opening door to new and exciting challenges. The speakers emphasised that graduation marked the beginning of a new phase, one that could take these young minds into unexplored fields and experiences that would shape their futures.

Besides the numerous awards granted to the many meritorious graduates, the other highlights of the ceremony that touched me were a solemn prayer for the graduates by a staff, a heartwarming blessing to all the graduates by a parent, the farewell speeches of two 9th graders biding goodbye to the graduating seniors, the sincere speeches of a few graduates reminiscing on their entire tenure at school and the Director's heartfelt message to the graduates reflecting on how these poised individuals had transformed gradually and gracefully over the years from the playful tiny tots she fondly remembered.

In the end, the ceremony was not merely a farewell to high school, but a celebration of growth, resilience, and a future filled with endless possibilities. Each student walked away knowing that, in many ways, the best was yet to come, and that the journey of learning, exploration, and self-discovery had only just begun. *—Dorothy Victor in Deccan Herald*

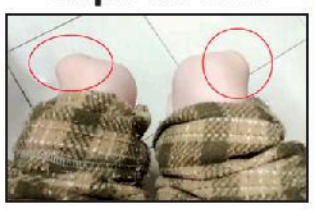
NEWS SPARKLERS

Artist tries to starve piglets for art installation

Santiago: Artist Marco Evaristti has come under fire for trying to starve three little piglets to death as part of a controversial art installation meant to raise awareness about animal welfare.

Marco Evaristti sparked controversy when he originally announced plans for his "And Now You Care?" exhibition, but he really attracted criticism both from animal rights activists and the general public when it actually became a reality. Located in a former butcher's warehouse in the Meatpacking District of Copenhagen, "And Now You Care?" featured three little piglets on a pile of hay, trapped in a cage made up of two metal shopping carts and surrounded by paintings of slaughtered pigs and the Danish flag. It was already an unsettling display, but it was his plan to only give the piglets water and let them starve to death that really shocked everyone. But his plans were thwarted on Saturday when the three little pigs disappeared.

This girl can pop her knee caps at will



Beijing: A 19-year-old girl has gone viral after posting a video of her ability to pop her knee caps out and then back because of a condition she was born with.

The unnamed girl from Jiangssi claims that she never knew her knee caps were special until schoolmates saw her popping them out of their sockets randomly and then casually popping them back in.

Some of them freaked out, but her knees had been like this for as long as she could remember. Nevertheless, she decided see a doctor, who said that the condition was rare in girls, but reassured the youth that, as long as it didn't cause her pain or impede with day-to-day activities, it wasn't a problem.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Exercise during pregnancy is important, Improves blood circulation and keeps joints relaxed.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant - Obstetrics & Gynecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

'Karnataka Kesari' award presented

Radiulla Khan, Organising Secretary of Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, being presented with 'Karnataka Kesari' State Award at a function organised by Karnataka Samskritika-Sahitya Parishat at Town Hall in city recently.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **111.74 feet**	Today's level **2,273.21 feet**	Today's level **2,834.99 feet**
Last year's level **89.24 feet**	Last year's level **2,268.64 feet**	Last year's level **2,830.28 feet**
Friday's level **111.91 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,273.46 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,835.03 feet**
Today's Inflow **240 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **69 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **84 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **1,048 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **100 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *A typical day for a cow is 8 hours eating, chewing their cud for 8 hours, and 8 hours sleeping.*
- *The time a cow takes to develop and deliver a baby is the same as a human.*
- *They have one stomach divided into four divisions for digestion.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Burglar, to lawyer, after his case has been heard: Thanks for getting me off, but I cannot pay you until I do my next job.

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 87.15
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 112.61
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.73
1 Euro	= Rs. 94.40

VOICE OF THE READER

Pave the pathway for

pedestrian safety in Yadavagiri

Sir,

This is not the first time I am writing about the state of our Paramahamsa Road in Yadavagiri. Repeatedly, it has been brought to the notice of the authorities concerned, that, we the regular users of this road, have only this path to reach Vontikoppal, Ramakrishna Ashram, Venkataramanaswamy Temple.

But unfortunately, this route is being constantly dug up and now the pavement right from Ramakrishna Vidyashala to the traffic lights junction is uprooted on both the sides of the road! How are we to walk? Risk our frail frames from the speeding 2, 3, 4 and multi-tyred vehicles, criss-crossing the pile of debris?

I urge the authorities to take immediate measures to pave the pathway, as it is our right to walk on well-laid roads, as tax-paying citizens of this beautiful city.

—**Indira Ganapathy**

Yadavagiri
5.3.2025

Ramzan and Ugadi Mela

at Meena Bazar from tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (KS)- The Meena Bazar Merchants Association, Tipu Hall on Sawday Road, has organised Ramzan and Ugadi Mela 2025 from Mar. 10 (tomorrow) to 30 daily from 10 am to 11 pm.

Afroz Pasha, area social worker, who is supervising Meena Bazar Ramzan and Ugadi Mela 2025, has requested MLA K. Harishgowda to instruct the Police, MCC Commissioner, CESC, Fire Brigade and other departments to provide facilities as thousands of people of all communities from Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Mandya, Kodagu, Hassan and other districts visit Meena Bazar for purchasing.

Traders are requested to follow the guidelines of the Police for smooth conduct of the Mela and are urged not to erect shamiyana on the road as it would hamper the movement of public. Traders are also requested to leave sufficient space on the footpath for the public to move freely.

Afroz Pasha has asked the public to call Mob: 93798-56537 or Mandi Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418313, ifthey find anyone collecting donations in the name of Meena Bazar Merchants Association, according to a press release.

Players' auction held for Kodava Cricket Leather Ball Premier League Season-2

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (MK&DM)- The auction for selecting over 175 players for 10 franchisees of Season-2 (April-2025) Kodava Cricket Leather Ball Premier League to be organised under the aegis of Coorg Cricket Foundation (CCF) at Pollibetta, was held at The Roost Hotel on Hunsur Road here yesterday.

The 10 Franchisees, which took part in the auction, are Kodava Warriors, Coorg United, Team Kodava Tribe, MTB Royals, Team Wildflower, Pragathi Cricketers, Coorg Blasters, Kodava Rising Stars, Western Ghat Warriors and Team Leverage.

Over 180 cricketers of Kodagu origin such as C.A. Karthik, C.R. Ayyappa and K.S. Devaiah took part in the auction and the Franchisees succeeded in getting the players they wanted by making a successful bid. Following the auction, Ranji player C.A. Karthik has been selected as Captain of Coorg Blasters, while C.R. Aiyyappa joined Western Ghat Warriors. Each franchisee selected 14 to 17 players depending upon their bid money.

Players aged from 15 to 60 are eligible to take part in the Tournament. The notable feature this year was the selection of 2 women players for the Tournament, which will be held on the lines of the popular Indian Premier League (IPL).

CCF President Porukonda Sunil said, the Tournament, which is expected to be held for over 12 days, will commence from Apr. 1 and all the matches will be played at Tata Coffee Cricket Grounds at Pollibetta.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL...

Woman trailblazer leads wildlife conservation efforts

P.A. Seema is the first woman to hold the post of Director, Nagarahole Tiger Reserve

Prioritising the well-being of frontline staff while safeguarding the rich wildlife of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, several initiatives have been implemented to prevent man-wildlife conflicts, stated P.A. Seema, Director of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve.

In an exclusive interview with *Star of Mysore* on the occasion of International Women's Day, P.A. Seema, a 2017-batch IFS officer and the first woman to lead the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, shared insights into the conservation measures undertaken under her leadership.

Having previously served as Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) in Mysuru, Mandya, Kodagu and the Elephant Task Force (ETF), P.A. Seema has earned praise for her commendable work. She is currently serving as the Director of the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve.

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Seema expressed her pride in being appointed as the first woman Director of the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. "I learned from the media that I am the first woman to hold this position and it fills me with pride. My goal is to live up to this recognition through dedicated service," she stated.

Hailing from Napoklu in Kodagu district, Seema developed a deep interest in forest conservation from an early age. After completing her PUC in Napoklu and pursuing B.Sc. and M.Sc. at Forestry College in Ponnampet, she prepared for the Indian Forest Service (IFS) exam.

Seema cleared it in the 2017 batch and has since been serving in the Forest Department with a great enthusiasm.

Safeguarding staff and wildlife

The Nagarahole Tiger Reserve is not only a key wildlife sanctuary in Karnataka but also one of national significance. "Our primary focus is both the conservation of wildlife and the well-being of frontline staff. The Reserve has 54 anti-poaching camps, and over 350 contract-based watchers working tirelessly to protect the forest," Seema explained.

Various initiatives have been introduced to ensure the welfare of frontline staff. Seema reaffirmed her commitment to increasing wildlife density in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve.

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Women's Day at City Police Commissioner's Office

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (RK&BS)- The International Women's Day was celebrated at the City Police Commissioner's office, Nazarbad yesterday.

The Principal District and Sessions Court Judge Usha Rani and mountaineer Dr. Usha Hegde inaugurated the Women's Day celebration, in the presence of City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi and other women Police personnel.

In her address, Dr. Usha Hegde said that women are equal to men in all the fields, which is proven in the Police Department too. The women who have occupied various positions in the Department, have been honest in their work, displaying time sense and manning law and order, earning applause. Most of the cases are taken to their logical end, with the women Police personnel investigating many criminal cases in a impartial manner and gathering sufficient evidence to be produced before the Court.

With the Police Commissioner Seema Latkar at the helm, a better message has been disseminated, with the Police working in a capable manner.

Later, Commissioner Latkar cut the cake and sweetened the mouth of her subordinate officers, marking the meaningful celebration of Women's Day.

They later engaged in exchanging pleasantries, sitting on the steps leading to the Police Commissioner's office complex, making for a joyous occasion, involving City Police Commissioner, Women Police Inspectors, Women Police Sub-Inspectors (PSIs), Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASIs) and other personnel.

From Stability to Stardom:
How I Built Karnataka's Leading Digital Agency
—Kavya Shankaregowda

From a hardcore techie to founding a marketing agency for the Kannada entertainment industry, **Kavya Shanakare gowda's** story is a testament to how women can break barriers, rise to the top, and make their mark in a male-dominated industry.

"I've always been a creative person. Creative ideas about everything around me sprout in my head all the time. ***My tryst with the Sandalwood industry started with an exchange of a few comm-ents on Twitter with Rakshit Shetty, Kannada film actor and film maker,*** while I was still working in the IT. A few months later, he offered me to head Marketing in his production house, Paramvah Studios. I didn't have to think much. It was an opportunity of a lifetime. Nine years later, here I am with ***"The Big Little, my own marketing agency, working with many top actors like Dr. Shivarajkumar and producers,"*** says Kavya, her face radiant with pride.

Kirik Party was her first project that helped her find her feet in the entertainment industry. After the success of Kirik Party, Kavya managed Rashmika Mandanna during the early years of the actress' career.

Her company conceptualised to launch the teaser and title logo of actor Sudeep's Kannada action-thriller Vikrant Rona at the Burj Khalifa. The first film in the world to do so. "This was something I had not imagined; it just happened," Kavya says, a humble smile playing on her lips. Today, The Big Little is reshaping the marketing landscape for the Kannada film industry, creating innovative, cost-effective strategies on how the movies and shows reach their audience. Colors Kannada, all nine seasons of Big Boss Kannada are a few other projects that Kavya has helped market and promote.

However, the path to success is never smooth. ***"Initially, people refuse to speak finances with me, it's a very subtle way of saying 'Let the men do the talking about money'. We've even lost business in the initial days because of this,"*** she recalls. ***"It was frustrating, but I've always believed that it's not about the gender, it's about what is brought to the table. The work should speak for itself."*** And speak it did. Over time, the industry warmed to the idea of a woman making business decisions. ***"Like any other industry, the entertainment industry needs to evolve. People need to adapt. We must keep up with the times, to not just thrive but to survive,"*** she opines.

Today, Kavya oversees a team of 35 creative minds, and provides indirect employment to many more. Her experience in the IT world has also proven invaluable. ***"All my learnings from the IT world, about processes and quality controls are being executed here in this chaotic industry,"*** Kavya says with a gentle laugh. ***"So, no learning goes to waste."***

What's even more impressive is that Kavya achieved all of this while staying in Mysore, a city often considered too laid-back for the fast-paced entertainment industry. ***"From the beginning I'd made it clear that I wasn't going to relocate. I'm a Mysorean by heart and wanted to stay in Mysore, and I did,"*** she shares. ***"After COVID, people have opened up to remote working so it's not bad."*** Mysore abounds in talent but we as Mysoreans don't think beyond Mysuru; when it is about career, we are laid back; that mindset needs to change."

What does it take to succeed in the entertainment industry ? I ask. "It's all about taking risks, adapting, visualizing the larger picture, and executing it," Kavya says emphatically.

So, what's next ?

"The Big Little is just the beginning. "I want to try my hands in Bollywood," she says eagerly, ready to take on new challenges.

For Kavya, the journey is far from over, she's only just getting started.

Her story is proof that with passion, resilience, and a willingness to break boundaries, women can lead industries, challenge norms, and thrive in spaces dominated by men."

Sujata Rajpal

—Promotional Feature

Saving Nagarahole:
Water tankers step in as several lakes run dry

Forest Department initiates measures to ensure that rich wildlife survives in sun-scorched terrain

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (MTY&BCT)- As temperatures soar, the forests of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve are feeling the brunt of the heat. Drying lakes and parched landscapes have prompted urgent measures to ensure that the region's rich wildlife, from majestic tigers to towering elephants, does not suffer due to water scarcity.

The Antharsanthe zone, a crucial part of the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, has gained national attention for its dense wildlife population, particularly tigers and elephants.

This region, which also harbours black panthers, herds of sambar and barking deer, pythons, and dholes (wild dogs), lies adjacent to the Kabini backwaters. However, with the increasing heat, six out of the 18 lakes in this zone have run dry, raising concerns for the survival of these animals.

To combat this crisis, the Forest Department has deployed water tankers to replenish the drying lakes, ensuring that wildlife can access drinking water. These tankers make multiple trips daily to sustain the ecosystem, offering relief to thirsty animals and preventing them from straying into human settlements.

The Antharsanthe zone shares its borders with several villages, especially those along the HD Kote-Manandavadi Road. The drying lakes pose a significant risk, as animals accustomed to drinking from them may venture into human habitats in search of water.

To mitigate this, the Forest Department is prioritising the refilling of lakes near village outskirts, reducing the chances of wildlife encounters that could lead to conflict.

While some lakes have dried up, others within the deeper forest still hold water, thanks to solar-powered borewells. Last year's generous monsoon helped fill many reservoirs, providing a lifeline to wildlife. The Kabini backwaters, too, continue to support a wide range of species, offering an additional source of hydration.

Fire prevention and vigilance

With summer also bringing the heightened risk of wildfires, the Forest Department has implemented strict precautionary measures. Fire lines have been created to prevent blazes from spreading, while watchtowers equipped with vigilant guards keep a constant eye on the landscape.

Motorised spray units on motorcycles are also being used to patrol high-risk areas, ensuring swift action if a fire breaks out.

Despite the ongoing challenges, the Antharsanthe zone remains a prime location for wildlife sightings. Tourists visiting the Kakanakote Safari Centre have been treated to mesmerising views of tigers, elephants and other creatures as they navigate the sun-scorched terrain.

The efforts to maintain water sources within the reserve have helped sustain these populations, allowing them to thrive even in the harsh summer conditions.

Committed to conservation

Authorities at the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve remain steadfast in their commitment to protecting wildlife. ***"Special attention is being given to ensure that animals do not face any drinking water issues,"*** said P.A. Seema, Director of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve.

In the Antharsanthe zone, efforts are ongoing to address the water crisis. "Six lakes have dried up, and we are supplying water through tankers. Priority is being given to lakes at the forest's edge and near villages to prevent human-wildlife conflict. Thankfully, solar borewells in some lakes continue to provide water," said Siddaraju, Range Forest Officer (RFO) of the Antharsanthe zone.

As the summer heat intensifies, these measures stand as a testament to the tireless work of forest officials and conservationists. By ensuring water availability and taking proactive steps to protect both wildlife and nearby villages, Nagarahole continues to be a beacon of conservation amid challenging times.

'Proud to be the first Woman Director'

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"Working in a tiger reserve presents greater challenges compared to social forestry," Seema explained. Protecting wildlife, preventing illegal intrusions, curbing poaching, mitigating man-animal conflicts, increasing animal density and preventing forest fires are some of the key challenges.

Despite these hurdles, Seema remains focused on strengthening forest and wildlife conservation while minimising man-animal conflicts. She acknowledged the strong support of frontline staff and officers in overcoming these challenges.

No security concerns for women officers

There is no shortage of security for women officers serving in the Forest Department. Senior officials and Department staff provide full support, ensuring a safe and encouraging work environment. While some may initially find fieldwork challenging, the department does not make it difficult for anyone.

Having studied at a Forestry College, Seema found fieldwork manageable. She emphasised that the department fosters a conducive atmosphere for women officers to take up responsibilities.

Increasing presence of women officers

In the past, the number of women officers in the Forest Department was relatively low. However, inspired by women in other departments, more women are now stepping forward to take up roles across various positions in the department.

More women are now joining the Forest Department, breaking barriers and proving their capabilities through equal participation. It offers a platform to demonstrate commitment to nature conservation while building confidence, Seema noted.

Determined not to remain passive as a woman officer, Seema strives to implement innovative programmes. In the initial phase, efforts have been made to improve the welfare of frontline staff and maintain camp conditions.

Through coordinated operations, the number of man-wildlife conflict incidents in the Nagarahole region has significantly reduced over the past three to four months, she added.

Strong family support

Seema credits her family's unwavering support for her career in the Forest Department. As the first officer in her family, she received encouragement from her parents, Kamala and Anand.

After marriage, her husband, Ranjan and children, Deshna Gowramma and Dev Ganapathi, have been equally supportive. She acknowledged that field visits often lead to late return to home, but her family, especially her children, have been understanding ▪

P.A. Seema** (extreme right), **Director of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, during a field visit.

Massive Police Run

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (MTY&BCT)- The Karnataka State Police (KSP) Run 2025 witnessed an overwhelming response this morning, with over 10,000 participants, including Police Personnel, servicemen, professional athletes and citizens of all age groups, gathering at the Mysore Palace premises.

Themed 'Namma Police, Namma Hemme' (Our Police, Our Pride), the event aimed to foster a stronger connection between the Police and the public while promoting a drug-free Karnataka, environmental awareness and cybercrime prevention. It also encouraged senior citizens to embrace an active lifestyle. Members of various sports clubs and athlete unions actively took part in the event. The run featured two categories — The Timed 10K Run and the Awareness 5K Run. The event was simultaneously organised across Karnataka at district headquarters by respective Police Departments. Both runs commenced at 7.30 am.

The 5K Run covered a route from the Palace through Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, D.D. Urs Road, JLB Road, Chamaraja Double Road, Gun House and Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle before returning to the Palace.

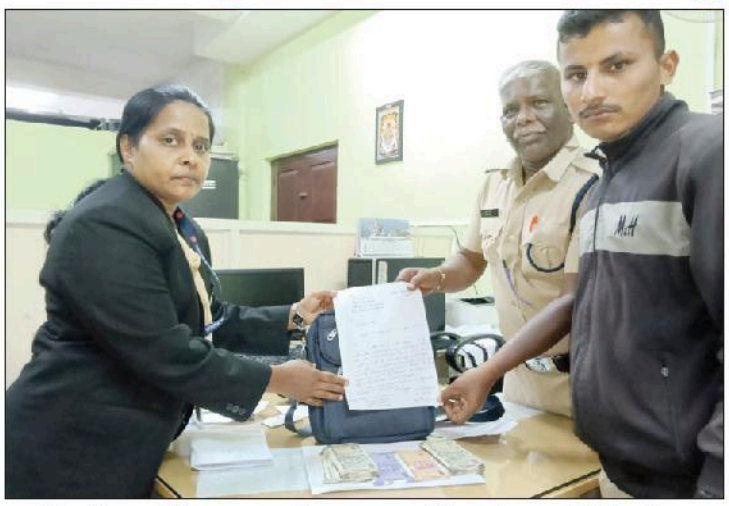
The 10K Run followed the same route but extended further through Vinoba Road, Hunsur Road and the University of Mysore, before connecting back via Ramaswamy Circle and Chamaraja Double Road to the starting point. In a notable highlight, five French tourists visiting Mysuru also participated in the event, with one of them, Cottin, securing the 17th place.

DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy flagged off the run. DIGP (Southern Range) Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, SP N. Vishnuvardhana, DCPs M. Muthuraju (Law & Order), S. Jahnavi (Crime & Traffic) & A. Maruthi (CAR), and ASP Mallik were present.

The prize distribution ceremony was conducted by Karnataka Police Academy staff Nandini.

Prize winners — 10K Policemen (1st to 10th place): Ammanulla, Prabhu Jamakhandi, N. Gopal, Shubham, H.S. Manjunath, Vishnu, Veeramanikantaswamy, Rajendra, A.N. Prabhakar and B. Kariyappa; **10K Public:** Sumit Pal, Y.S. Deekshith, Thanuj Kumar, B. Keerthan, K.U. Omkar, Rakesh Gambhir, B.M. Sumanth Kumar, M.G. Shivanna, C. Aditya and D.M. Akash; **5K Policemen:** M.S. Raveesha, Mallappa, Nagendra, Manju, Arun T. Nayak and M. Mruthyunjaya; **5K Public:** Sumanth, N. Doreswamy, Mahadevaswamy, Manju, M. Vishwa, Shashank, Rakesh and Madesh; **Girls:** Chaitra, Sanjana and K.P. Pooja.

Ticket Inspector returns lost bag



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This morning, the rightful owners approached the RPF and successfully reclaimed their belongings, expressing their gratitude for the honesty and efficiency of the railway staff. Anitha was lauded for her exemplary service, reaffirming the Indian Railways' commitment to upholding the highest standards of integrity and passenger welfare.

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Wishing a Very Happy Women's Day!

Every woman is inspiring in her own way, and true empowerment lies in recognizing and uplifting all women-not just those who meet societal definitions of success.

While accomplished women deserve admiration, it is equally important to celebrate the strength, resilience, and individuality of every woman, regardless of her achievements or social status.

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Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Breaking an Unholy Mould, finally!

In a landmark development in the field of medical education, our Supreme Court has recently ruled that it is time to discard the decades old **'both hands intact'** requirement for a candidate to be eligible to study medicine and become a doctor in our country. Accepting the one-member report filed by **Dr. Satendra Singh,** favouring the admission of a candidate with one arm to the MBBS course and rejecting the report of a five-member AIIMS medical board, which had held him ineligible, it has now directed the **National Medical Commission (NMC)** to revise its outdated criteria, which in its own words, "reeks of glorifying ableism."

It has rightly said that such a stipulation in an era of Robotic Surgery, has no place in statuary regulation and has in fact the effect of denuding the rights guaranteed under the constitution, to persons with disabilities, who deserve equal opportunities in all fields. The Apex Court has said that this can be ensured only by not barring candidates at the threshold, but by granting them the choice after MBBS, to decide whether they wish to specialise in non-surgical branches or continue as general duty doctors.

This ground-breaking judgement could not have been more appropriate and timely, because in this era of modern medicine, where people with disabilities too can show satisfactory performance and render service to society, in their own ways, in fields of their choice. **There are many fields, like psychiatry, dermatology, geriatrics and even general medicine, where a person if allowed to become a doctor, can do much good, with almost no difficulty, whatsoever. The medical field is not like the army, air-force, navy, police, aviation or the railways where every candidate should necessarily have every one of his or her faculties fully intact, to be able to perform safely and satisfactorily.**

It may not be very widely known, but it is a very sad and distressing fact that every passing year, many candidates with ardent aspirations of serving society by becoming doctors, are forced to turn their eyes away from this noble profession and helplessly accept other alternate choices, simply because our archaic rules stand in their way. **Now, all this is set to change for the better and open the vistas and allow them to spread their wings and chase their dreams. How wonderful!**

RGUHS: Breaking the mould, a second time!

Dr. B.C. Bhagavan

In the appointment of **Dr. B.C. Bhagavan** as the new Vice-Chancellor of the **Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS),** much speculation has thankfully been dispelled, because the filling of this post had raised some questions and eyebrows too, about the qualifications required by the candidate to hold it. This happened when it became evident that a professor from a private medical college too, was among the runners for the post.

Many objections were raised that this post should be the sole prerogative of a candidate from a background of Government service. **That these objections had no basis, procedural or legal, was something that was not taken into consideration. With the RGUHS being an autonomous institution and not a Government Department, there was and still is no reason why someone from any private medical college should not head it as long as the person has the requisite qualifications. It is a different matter that hitherto all the persons who held that post were from Government service.**

What matters now is that this tradition which has no basis, has been broken and a precedent set for similar appointments in the years to come. And, to me, this seems like a breath of fresh air because candidates with a background of hailing from private institutions too have held similar posts across the length and breadth of our country and have conducted themselves exceedingly well, with a good many of them leaving behind them, rich legacies of admirable progress and development.

Knowing him as I do, Dr. Bhagavan too can be expected to do likewise and take the RGUHS to greater heights of academic excellence. I say this because as a post graduate student, I have had the opportunity of teaching him medicine, while he was an undergraduate student at the Mysore Medical College, in the early eighties. He was certainly among the brighter students of his batch and right from that very early stage of his life, he stood out as having strong leanings towards academic pursuits.

My second reason for having very optimistic expectations from him in holding his new position, stems from the fact that as the principal of **The Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences, (KIMS),** a post he held for quite some time, he has left behind a record of very capable leadership and governance. The next three years he has at his disposal, which is the tenure of his appointment, will give him the time and an opportunity to show us what he can do for one of the most prestigious institutions of our State and so let's wish well in his new mission.

It is good that in his appointment, the mere tradition of appointing only persons from Government service as the Vice-Chancellors of the RGUHS has been broken!

A most tragic end!

Dr. George P. Abraham

In the recent passing away of **Dr. George P. Abraham,** one of the pioneers in the field of renal transplantation in our country, the medical fraternity has lost a person who had been an icon and guiding light to many others in his field. Having very successfully performed more than 2,000 kidney transplantations, amid other operations and trained hundreds of students, over an active career of more than twenty five years, his contribution can be considered monumental and his stamina and zeal, almost legendary.

And, very sadly, those two vital attributes that made him stand out, perhaps were his undoing. At his seventy fourth year, he ended his life by hanging himself at his own farmhouse in Kerala, after writing a suicide note that he was taking the extreme step, unable to bear the anguish of no longer being able to work like before, after a surgery to his back. What a shame! Such ordinary setbacks come to most of us, as we age, which force even the best performers amongst us to slow ourselves down a little, temporarily or even permanently.

But they should not become the end of our lifelines or the reasons to end our lives in depression. **Who else, other than a doctor, could have said this to himself and continued to live, as the guiding beacon that he was, to others lost on the high seas of doubt and despair?**

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Mukul Saran Mathur takes charge as SWR General Manager

Mukul Saran Mathur

Hubballi, Mar. 9 (BCT)- Mukul Saran Mathur has taken charge as General Manager of South Western Railway (SWR).

He was received with an RPF Guard of Honour at Rail Soudha, Gadag Road, Hubballi.

As part of his first official engagement, Mathur flagged off eight new motorcycles and three cars for the Railway Protection Force (RPF) squad.

He chaired a high-level review meeting with all Principal Heads of Departments (PHODs), Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs) and senior officials of SWR. During the meeting, he outlined his key priorities for the zone. His focus was on ensuring the highest safety standards and expediting the implementation of KAVACH in critical areas, enhancing the passenger experience through digital solutions and improved facilities, strengthening freight operations to maximise revenue and improve logistics efficiency.

Additionally, he aims to accelerate major railway projects, including new railway lines, doubling & electrification, enhance train services, improving connectivity and increasing train speeds for passenger benefit and optimise workforce utilisation for greater operational efficiency.

Lamp Lighting and Oath Taking Ceremony

Mysuru, Mar. 9- The Government College of Nursing, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), Mysuru, has organised the Lamp Lighting and Oath Taking Ceremony for the 1st year B.Sc Nursing students for the academic year 2024-25 at Platinum Jubilee Hall, J.K. Grounds, in city at 10 am tomorrow (Mar. 10).

Dr. P. Mahesh, Dean of Nursing at the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), Bengaluru, will be felicitated on the occasion.

MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani will preside over the ceremony. Government College of Nursing Principal Dr. P. Nandaprakash will deliver the keynote address, according to a press release from the Government College of Nursing.

NEWS BRIEFS

Holi on Mar. 14

The city's Vrundavana, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, will be celebrating Flower Holi at Vittala Rukmini Hall in Vijayanagar at 6.30 pm on Mar. 14. The event will feature Keertanas, Flower Abhisheka to the deity etc., The last date for registration is Mar. 12. For details, contact Mob: 90352-76643.

Tenders invited

The Mysuru district HOPCOMS, located in Curzon Park premises in the heart of the city, has invited tenders for Annual Maintenance contract of Integrated Android Online billing (End to End solution) weighing scales for a 2-year period. The tenders can be submitted till 5 pm on Mar. 25. While Technical bids will be opened at 11 am on Mar. 26, the Financial bids will be opened at 5 pm on Mar. 27 at the District HOPCOMS office in Curzon Park premises. [Ph: 0821-2422558]

Brahmopadesham

Adarsha Seva Sangha of Mysuru is organising a Mass Brahmopadesham along with Acharyatraya Jayanthi for Trimatashtha Brahmins on May 2 at Sri Lakshminarasimha Dharamshala of Vivekananda Nagar Brahmin Mahasabha, SBM Layout, Srirampura 2nd Phase, Mysuru. Limited number of vatus can be accommodated for Brahmopadesham. Interested parents can contact office on Ph: 0821-3559202 or Management Committee members through Mob: 63601-56863, 94801-66274, 94484-68800, 94462-53736, 98456-76773 & register vatus names. First come first serve basis is followed.

Medical Camp

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadripura Road, Alanahalli, Mysuru is conducting a medical camp on Sciatica / Gridrasi from Mar. 10 to 15. Sciatica is a clinical condition presenting with pain, weakness and numbness to one or both the legs. Contact Ph: 0821-2548231 or Mob: 80730-28433.

Mother to reclaim 14 MUDA sites after probe ends: Dr. Yathindra

Dr. Yathindra

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (RK&BCT)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's son and MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah has stated that his mother, B.M. Parvathi, will reclaim the 14 Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) sites she had surrendered, once the ongoing investigation concludes.

"Despite not committing any wrongdoing, my parents were falsely accused and put in a difficult position. The baseless allegations caused emotional distress to my mother, leading her to return the 14 sites allotted by MUDA. These plots rightfully belong to us, and she has now decided to reclaim them through the Court after the investigation is completed," he said.

Speaking to reporters in Mysuru yesterday, Dr. Yathindra asserted that his mother was legally entitled to the sites as compensation for land acquired by MUDA to develop a layout.

"At that time, circumstances forced us to return 14 sites. Due to widespread, unwarranted criticism, we handed them back to MUDA. Now, as the investigation indicates no wrongdoing on our part, my mother has decided to reclaim them," he stated.

He further clarified that surrendering the sites was not an admission of guilt. "My mother gave up the sites, deeply hurt by attempts to tarnish my father's reputation through false allegations. Despite his innocence, he was unfairly portrayed as an accused in the public eye," he said.

Officers will be punished

"Our Government has decided to restructure MUDA along the lines of the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA). Henceforth, elected representatives will no longer be part of MUDA; only Government-nominated members will be included. An Inquiry Commission has already been set up to investigate irregularities caused by officials' mistakes. Once the report is submitted, action will be taken against those responsible," he added.

Dr. Yathindra noted that his mother was relieved by HC's decision to quash ED summons in MUDA scam.

Dismissing allegations of irregularities in allotment of compensatory sites to his mother, he said, "The Lokayukta report has made it clear that neither Siddaramaiah nor our family exerted any influence over MUDA regarding site allotment."

He also questioned ED's involvement in the case, arguing that agency should only intervene in matters related to money laundering. "MUDA allotted 14 sites to my mother as compensation for her acquired land, which she later surrendered. Where is the money laundering in this? The ED took up this case purely for political reasons, acting under pressure from Centre to harass my parents," he alleged.

"My mother was disappointed by ED's notice as she had done nothing wrong. That's why we appealed to HC challenging the summons," he added.

Abhishek Manu Singhvi in Mysuru as plea seeks CBI probe into MUDA case

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (BCT)- Senior Supreme Court advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, who represented Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allotment case, visited Mysuru.

Arriving on Saturday, he is reportedly staying at a private hotel and has held discussions with former MUDA officials and local leaders regarding the case. Though there were reports that Singhvi left Mysuru last evening, there was no confirmation about this.

Singhvi's visit gains significance as complainant Snehamayi Krishna has filed an appeal with the High Court's Divisional Bench, seeking a CBI probe into the MUDA case.

Senior Supreme Court Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, interacting with the local leaders at a hotel in Mysuru.

The appeal, filed under Section 4 of the Karnataka High Court Act, 1961, and Rule 27 of the High Court Writ Proceedings Rules, 1977, challenged the Single Judge's Feb. 7 order dismissing the CBI probe plea.

The appeal argued that the Single Judge erred by framing questions not raised by the petitioner and failing to acknowledge substantial evidence suggesting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah misused his position for personal gain with the support of family members and MUDA officials.

It alleged that the CM influenced State machinery, resulting in a biased investigation that undermined public confidence.

The petition also highlighted Siddaramaiah's alleged history of misusing office, citing instances such as aiding his son in securing a contract at Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI), de-notifying land acquired for the Arkavathy Layout project and allegedly violating regulations to grant a mining license.

The petitioner contended that no investigative body has thoroughly examined these allegations and suggests that the closure of cases against Siddaramaiah reflects his influence over the bureaucracy. The petition further emphasised that the High Court had previously noted gaps in the case, warranting at least an inquiry.

Lok Adalat: 41 couples reunite; 7,268 cases settled

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (KS)- As many as 7,268 cases were settled and 41 warring couples reunited at the National Lok Adalat held in all City and District Law Courts yesterday.

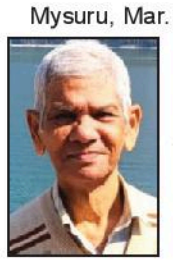
There were 1,22,125 cases pending in the City and Taluk Courts of the District, out of which 61,193 were civil cases and 60,932 criminal cases. Of these, 37,816 cases are compoundable in nature, out of which 21,646 were identified for resolution through compromise.

Forty-one warring couples had filed divorce/domestic disharmony suits reunited setting aside their differences and a total of Rs. 49,66,29,267 was settled through conciliation in respect of all the cases.

Principal District and Sessions Court Judge Usharani has thanked the office-bearers of Bar Association, lawyers, advocates, officials of all Departments including the Police and media persons for their co-operation in making the National Lok Adalat a success.

Obituary

Hilton D'silva



Mysuru, Mar. 9- Hilton D'silva (81), a resident of No. 268A, 8th main, Brindavan Extension, passed away in Bengaluru yesterday.

He leaves behind one son, daughter-in-law, one daughter, son-in-law, grand-daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral will be held at the Roman Catholic Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road in Gandhinagar tomorrow (Mar. 10) at 3.30 pm, according to family sources.

Ravi Sharma

Ravi Sharma (65), a Brahmin community leader, Hon. President of JSS Auto Drivers and Owners Association, passed away on Friday in city.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

Leelavathi

Leelavathi (58), wife of former labour leader at JK Tyre M. Puttaswamy and a resident of Bhyraveshwaranagar in Hebbal, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her husband, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed yesterday afternoon.

Assembly Speaker U.T. Khader bats for 50 percent reservation for women

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (SBD&DM)- Karnataka Assembly Speaker U.T. Khader has batted for 50 percent reservation for women in Parliament and all State Assemblies.

He was speaking at the valedictory of the Women's Day celebration organised by Bharat Scouts and Guides at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering premises here yesterday.

Noting that women have got talent, Khader said that reservation was needed in order to render social support to women talent.

"Soon after India got independence, there was a debate on giving voting rights to women, when Dr. Ambedkar intervened, advocating that there cannot be no reforms by keeping out 50 percent of the women population. Dr. Ambedkar had also stressed that India cannot become strong without bringing women to the mainstream society. Later on, women were given opportunities in phases and women using these opportunities appropriately, have grown to become strong leaders," Khader said.

Continuing, Khader said, "No woman has been elected as the President of the United States of America so far. But in our country, women have been given special status, thus sending out a pro-women message to the world. Women have leadership qualities at an young age. They have a special quality in maintaining their parental home and as well as husband's home. Now we should work toward instilling confidence in them," the Assembly Speaker said.

Maintaining that opportunities and the training that one will get from Scouts and Guides platform will help in developing confidence in life, he said that the youth must participate in such activities. Pointing out that he got involved in Scouts and Guides activities when he was a fifth standard student itself, Khader said that what he learnt there helped him to grow big in politics. Observing that educational institutions which are concentrating only on academics, have failed in teaching life lessons, he said that in such a situation, the activities of Scouts and Guides will help in becoming responsible citizens.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, who graced the occasion, stressed on the need for maintaining discipline in life. Pointing out that at present, people are getting more engaged in commercialism, he said that the lessons and training from institutions such as Scouts and Guides in their childhood days, will help people in leading a joyous and peaceful life.

P.G.R. Sindhia announces retirement

P.G.R. Sindhia

Senior leader and former Minister P.G.R. Sindhia, who was the Karnataka Scouts and Guides Chief Commissioner for many years, announced his retirement from the post. Declaring that Assembly Speaker U.T. Khader would succeed him as the Additional Chief Commissioner, with approval from National Council, Sindhia said he was quitting the post due to his old age.

Pointing out that the membership of Karnataka Scouts and Guides has reached 7 lakh, he said that the membership drive would be completed this month.

Retired Scientist T.K. Anuradha was felicitated on the occasion. Scouts and Guides Commissioner M.A. Khalid, Mysuru District Chief Commissioner P. Vishwanath, who is also a former City Mayor, Office-bearers T. Prabhakar, K. Gangappa Gowda, B.K. Basavaraj, Pushpavalli, Dr. Gurumurthy, Nataraj, Abdul Jameer and others were present.

U.T. Khader to be new Additional Scouts and Guides Commr.

National Pharmacy Educational Day and International Women's Day celebrated

Conservator of Forests Dr. Malathi Priya, Professor at Farooqia College of Pharmacy Dr. Sumayya Tabassum and Assistant Drug Controller B.V. Ashalatha, who were felicitated are seen with Social Activist Nabeel Mohamed Khan, Principal Dr. Nisar Ahmed, MDCDWA President Kumaraswamy, Secretary Amanulla Khan and others.

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (KS)- Farooqia College of Pharmacy, in association with Mysore District Chemists and Druggists Welfare Association (MDCDWA) and the College's Alumni Association, had organised National Pharmacy Educational Day and International Women's Day celebrations at its premises in city yesterday.

The event brought together faculty members, students, pharmacists and distinguished guests to highlight the importance of pharmacy education and to recognise the remarkable contributions of women in healthcare and beyond.

The programme began with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, followed by welcome address by Principal Dr. Nisar Ahmed. Secretary of MDCDWA Amanulla Khan delivered the keynote address on National Pharmacy Educational Day, emphasising the expanding role of pharmacists in patient care, research and public health.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Conservator of Forests Dr. Malathi Priya, Assistant Drug Controller B.V. Ashalatha and Professor at Farooqia College of Pharmacy Dr. Sumayya Tabassum were felicitated for their dedication and leadership, inspiring the next generation of women.

Dr. Malathi Priya spoke about women empowerment in achieving sustainable development goals and also about barriers inhibiting women advancement in decision making roles.

Social Activist Nabeel Mohamed Khan, who delivered Presidential address, spoke on the importance on resilience, strength and their struggles in daily life where innocent women are targeted, humiliated and raped. He also spoke on the importance of education for women.

The programme concluded with the National Anthem, reflecting a shared commitment to advancing pharmacy education and elevating the role of women in diverse fields.

President of MDCDWA Kumaraswamy, President of Farooqia College of Pharmacy Alumni Association Waseem Ur Rahman Shariff, General Secretary of Farooqia College of Pharmacy Alumini Association Saleem Ahmed and others were present.

Session on women empowerment, achievements, challenges held

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (BCT)- The Anthropological Survey of India, Southern Regional Centre (SRC), Mysuru, celebrated International Women's Day 2025 with an insightful event at SRC Auditorium.

The highlight of the occasion was an invited lecture on 'Is Women Empowerment a Myth or Reality?' by Prof. S. Swarnamala from the Department of Physics, Yuvaraja's College, Mysuru, who is the Former Secretary of the Women's Harassment Enquiry Committee, University of Mysore.

The inaugural session featured the presence of Dr. M. Sasikumar, Joint Director, Anthropological Survey of India; Dr. Harashawaradhana, Deputy Director and Head of Office; and C.S. Sudarshana, Principal of Pramathi Hill View Academy, along with 70 women teachers who actively participated in the event.

During her lecture, Prof. Swarnamala critically examined the state of women's empowerment, highlighting its achievements and ongoing challenges. The session concluded with an interactive discussion where teachers engaged in thought-provoking conversations with the speaker on gender issues and the steps needed to accelerate equality.

Dr. M. Sasikumar delivered the concluding remarks, while Dr. Harashawaradhana extended a warm welcome to the gathering. The event wrapped up with a vote of thanks by Rakhi Kumari. Banita Behera coordinated the programme.

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Mithya (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Rakshasa (K)	(S-3)	10 pm
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Kingston (Ta)	(S-4)	1.10 pm
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Chhaava (H)	(S-4)	7 pm, 10.15 pm

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Dragon (Ta)	:	1 pm, 7.05 pm
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Mithya (K)	:	11.35 am
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Kingston (Te)	:	4.20 pm
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Kingston (Te)	:	1.45 pm
Rakshasa (K)	:	11.05 am, 4.40 pm
Kanasondu Shurvagide (K)	:	1.20 pm
Apple Cut (K)	:	1.40 pm
Shaadi Mein Zaroor Aana (H)	:	3.45 pm
Interval (K)	:	4 pm
Kapati (K)	:	7 pm
Tarka (K)	:	9.30 pm
Fashion (H)	:	10 pm
Seethamma Vakitlo Sirimalle Chettu (Te)	:	10.10 pm

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Stress management event held

Stress management programme for the second batch of 20 officials was conducted by Prison Ministry India, an NGO, on Mar. 4 and 5 at the Prison Training Centre Conference Hall in city. As on date, 37 officials have benefited from the programme. Seen in the picture are *(sitting from left)* ***Sr. Joyce, Sushma, Principal, Prison Training Centre, Sr. Milagrin, UFS Resource Person, P.S. Ramesh, Chief Superintendent, Central Prison Mysuru, Dr. Michael Noronha, Coordinator, Karnataka PMI and Sr. Nasita.***

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 9)

- **Swarasankula Sangeeta Sabha:** Ganayogi Panchakshari-Puttaraja Sangeethotsava 2025, Hindustani Classical Music Concert by Ustad Fyaz Khan, Nitin Rajaram Shastry and Venkatesh Kulakarni, accompanied on harmonium by Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath and Pt. Prakash Hegde Yadalli and on tabla by Ramesh Dhannur & Bhimashankar Bidanur, Ganabhrathi, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Gowthama Education and Cultural Seva Trust, Mysuru and Kannada & Culture Department, Bengaluru:** 10th anniversary celebrations, valedictory of Theatre Festival, Mysuru District Congress Committee President Dr. B.J. Vijay Kumar inaugurates, Advocate and Social Worker Shivaprasad M.C. Hundi, presides, senior theatre director Mime Ramesh, NR Foundation CSR Executive R. Harish and Maharani's Women's College PG Kannada Department Assistant Professor M. Nanjundaiah chief guests, Gowthama Trust President Krishnamurthy Talakadu will be present, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Smt. Indiradevi Praphullachandra Memorial Concert - Hindustani Classical Vocal by Vidushi Pt. Omkarnath Havaldar, accompanied by Pt. Karthik Bhat on tabla and Pt. Sameer Havaldar on harmonium (sponsored by Sri Veerappa Praphullachandra's family), Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Mr. Bogies,' directed by H.K. Dwarakanath, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangasampada, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Sheshagrastaru,' directed by Ramesh Chand, Natana's Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 10)

- **Government College of Teacher Education (GCTE) and Samata Adhyayana Kendra:** International Women's Day celebrations and interaction with women achievers, Samata Adhyayana Kendra President Dr. Sabiha Bhoomigowda and Dr. H.M. Kalashree of Samata Adhyayana Kendra will be present, GCTE Principal H.N. Geetamba presides; Staging of play 'Neeli Ribbon,' Sri Radhakrishna auditorium, GCTE, Vasantha Mahal campus, **10 am.**
- **Government College of Nursing, MMC&RI:** 2024-25 Academic Year 1st year B.Sc Nursing students Lamp Lighting and Oath Taking Ceremony, MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani presides, felicitation to Dr. P. Mahesh of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru, Government College of Nursing Principal Dr. P. Nandaprakash delivers keynote address, Platinum Jubilee Hall, J.K. Grounds, **10 am.**
- **Mysore Art Gallery:** Solo painting exhibition by R.S. Pushpa, art teacher, Government Higher Primary School, Hunsur, Gallery premises, Ramanuja Road, **10.30 am to 4 pm.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit:** Endowment Programme, Vachana Vaachana-Vyakhyana and Lecture, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary-II inaugurates, Sharana Sahitya Parishat Mysuru City Unit President M.G. Sadanandaiah presides, JSS Students Hostel, VV Road, **6.45 pm.**

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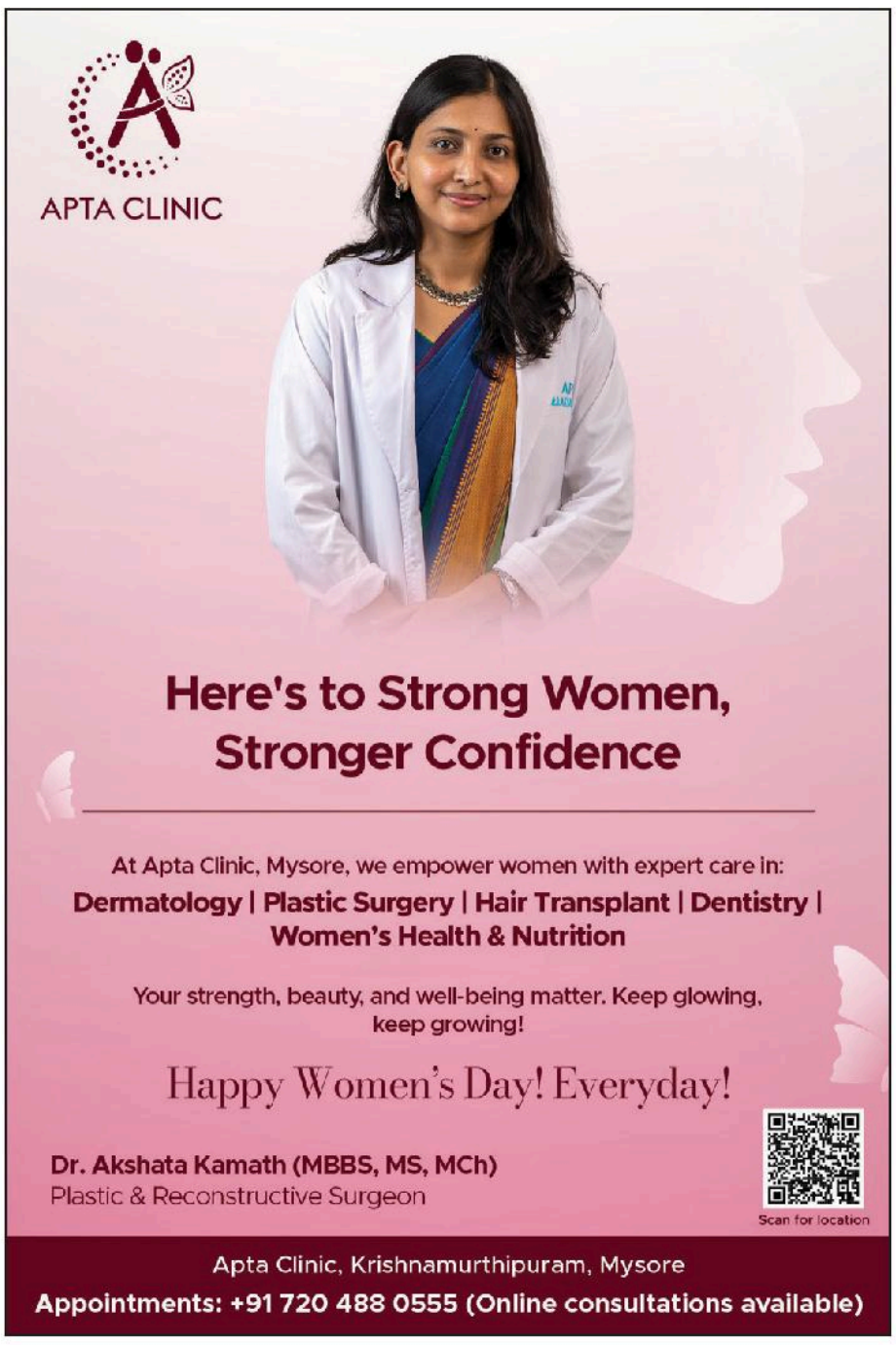
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